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[Despatch Abstract.

GOVERNMENT PRESS Notes on budget demand - Cut [illegible] - [illegible] "S. Stationery and Printing" - Records

FINANCE (BUDGET-GENERAL) DEPARTMENT.

U.O.Note No.7430 (A)-B.G./48-2, Dated 23rd February 1948.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS, 1948-9 - VOTED EXPENDITURE.

A copy of the notice of demands for grants for the year 1948-9 together with an analysis of each demand is forwarded to Departments of the Secretariat. They are requested to take the orders of the Minister who will move the demand as to whether a note should be prepared on the policy underlying the demand.

In the case of composite demands, the departments concerned may take the orders of the Ministers concerned other than the Minister who will move the demand as to whether a note should be prepared in respect of the items relating to them ~~including~~ included in the same demand. If such notes are prepared, the departments concerned are requested to send copies of the notes also to the Minister who will move the demand.

2. The explanatory paragraphs in the Budget Memorandum for 1948-9 which will be forwarded to Departments of the Secretariat on the 25th February 1948 may be useful in this connextion.

D.W.DODWELL,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To Departments of the Secretariat including
Finance (all sections).

E & P.H.(F).

A note is submitted for the use of H.M.(Edn) regarding 56 - Stationery & Printing.

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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF MADRAS.

Notice.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1948-9.

On the recommendations of His Excellency the Governor, the following Demands for Grants will be made:-

A. - Expenditure on Revenue Account.

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Demand XXX--Stationery and Printing.	The Hon'ble the Minister in charge of Education will move that the Government be granted a sum not exceeding ..	Rs. 52,18,900

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6. Stationery and Printing.

rinting:

The printing work of Government is carried out n the Government press. There has been a very considerable ncrease in this work during recent years mainly owing to ontrols of all kinds. This reflected in the increase of e total printing expenditure as shown below:-

ccounts	1946-47	Rs.17.45 lakhs
evised Estimate	1947-48	Rs.19.78
udget Estimate	1948-49	Rs.19.48

The total strength of the establishment at the entral Press and its branches on 31st March 1947 was 2269.

The Press Workers especially the men employed in he technical sections were not satisfied with the revision f scales of pay ordered by Government in February 1947. So he case of these workers was specially reviewed and improved cales of pay were fixed by Government for all categories of echnical employees of the Press in November 1947.

The Superintendent, Government Press reported in anuary 1947 that owing mainly to increase work, the existing ccounts and Despatch sections needed to be strengthened and hat the sections required reorganisation. The question of anctioning additional staff for these two sections for this urpose is now engaging the attention of Government.

In 1945 the Government decided that residential uarters should be constructed for the employees of the Governent Press. A suitable site was selected for the purpose in ondiarpet and the cost of the acquisition of the site was stimated to be Rs.1.53 lakhs. It has not so far been possible o initiate acquisition on proceedings in respect of that site. n amount of Rs.1.53 lakhs has been provided in the budget for 948-49 for the purpose of this acquisition.

In November 1947 Sri K.P.R.Menon the Deputy Superin endent Government Press was sent on deputation to the United ingdom and the United States of America for a study of the dministrative organisation, control etc., in printing presses nd offices in those countries. The period of the deputation s six months

tationery:

The stationery office comprises a Superintendent f Stationery (the Collector of Madras is the ex-officio Superin endent of Stationery) an Assistant Superintendent of Stationery nd the requisite non-Gazetted staff. This office supplies the tationery required by all the Government Departments. The rovision made in the Budget Estimate for 1948-49 is for carryin n the routine administration of this office. No Part II Schem ave been provided for.

P. OF B.E. 518-527. DEMAND NO. *XXX

B.POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR, M.L.A.
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'educe the allotment of Rs.52,18,900.

FOR STATIONERY & PRINTING by Rs.100

E & P.H.

(To discuss policy)

E & P.H.(F.1).

The Government Press is a branch of the Government administration necessary for the administration of the province. This has been in existence for long time and there has not been any definite policy relating to the Government Press except that the establishment is to assist the Government in carrying out th administration and executing the works like printing, binding et Since the advent of the Congress Ministry there has been no drastic change either in the policy or administration of the Government Press except the reorganisation and regrouping of the staff and granting enhanced scales of pay to the Government press staff, for bettering the conditions of the workers and carrying out the administration more smoothly and more effective It is not known what the Hon'ble Member wants to discuss in regard to the policy of the Press. His suggestion, if any, useful only, may be promised consideration.

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8/3/48.

DEMAND NO.* XXX.

of B.E. 518-527. MR. W.J.FERNANDEZ, M.L.A..
395. To reduce the allotment of Rs.52,18,900
For Stationery and Printing by Rs.100

(To urge the necessity for retrenchment in expenditure)

& P.H.

E.&.P.H.(F.1.)

The allotment for Stationery and printing for 1947-48 was Rs. 41,94,100/- and the allotment for the year 1948-49 is Rs.52,18,900/- The increase in the allotment has been necessitated by the increase in staff, and salary and the cost of equipments and materials etc, and the every increasing pressure of work in theGovernment Press.

The Government have constituted a Committee for retrenchment and re organisation and the Committee is now functioning. The Committee will go into the possibilities of retrenchment in expenditure in all branches of the Government administration and the Committee will, it may be safely presumed, examine the possibilities of effecting retrench ment in expenditure in the Government Press also and will make recommendations in due course.

The Honible member has not stated anything regarding any particular branch or branches of theGovernment Press and the item or items of expenditure relating to the Government Press in which retrenchment is to be effected. If the Hon'ble Member makes any useful suggestions. they may be promised consideration.

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P. of B.E.518-527. 606 DEMAND NO.XXX

SRI N. VENKATASUBBIAH

E & P.H. To reduce the allotment of Rs.52,18,900 for STATIONERY AND PRINTING BY Rs.100

(To discuss the reorganisation of Government Press and the demands of certain section of workers therein).

E & P.H.(F.1).

In September 46, the Superintendent, Government Press submitted proposals for reclassification of the entire subordinate Technical staff in the Government Press and in that connection the Hon'ble Minister for Education wanted a detailed report on the conditions of service, pay etc. of employees of private presses for comparison with those of the conditions of the workers in the Government Press and the Superintendent, Government Press was asked to collect the information. In the meanwhile, the Hon'ble Sri K.R. Karanth, the Chairman of the Salaries Committee and Mr. C.O.Coorey, Secretary to the Committee made a ~~pxxxxxxx~~ personal inspection of the Government Press and after the inspection, revised scales of pay were sanctioned to the workers in the press in February 1947 along with general revision of scales. The Salaries Committee also suggested reorganisation of the Press staff more or less on the same lines proposed by the Superintendent, Government Press. The Government Press staff was not satisfied with the revision of the scales of pay and carried on agitation. In March 1947, the Superintendent, Government Press and the ~~xxxxx~~ Vice President of the workers union had a discussion with Hon'ble Sri K.R.Karanth regarding the proposals put up by the Superintendent, Government Press and the Unions counter-proposals for an increase in some of the scales of pay. In April 1947, the Superintendent, Government Press and the officials of the Union had joint discussion with the Hon'ble Minister for Education, as a result of which and at the instance of the Hon'ble Minister for Education, the Superintendent, Government Press submitted revised proposals for ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ reorganising and regrouping the press staff. These proposals were more or less in the form of "agreed proposals" except for a few points of disagreement between the Superintendent's proposals and those of the Union and orders have been issued revising some of the scales of pay of the workers in the press for a second time. The Government Press Mono & Lino operators have made representation for a further increase in their scales of pay and the representations are under consideration.

Another representation for the reorganisation of the non-technical staff in the Accounts & Despatch etc. Sections also is under separate consideration.

The present condition of the workers in the Government Press may be considered as very satisfactory.

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P. of B.E.518-927. DEMAND NO.XXX

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH 748.

SRI G.RAJAMANNAR, M.L.A. To reduce the allotment of Rs.52,18,900 for STATIONERY AND PRINTING By Rs.100/-

(Printing in private presses and working condition of workers in Press and printing Text books in Government Press.

E & P.H.(F.1).

The pressure of work in the Government Press has been increasing every day and the demands made on the press from the Provincial Government the Central Government have been so heavy that the press has not been able to cope with the work, in spite of the fact that some of the sections have been working in double shifts. In order that there may not be any dislocation of administrative work, some printing works have been got executed by private presses if and when the work could not be executed by the Government Press. Such execution of work by private presses are arranged by or in consultation with the Superintendent, Government Press generally. Recourse will have to be taken for having the work executed by private presses until the potentialities of the Government Press are increased but such increase of potentialities cannot be effected at present, in view of the difficulties in obtaining machinery and tools and Technical personnel at present. For some time more at least, recourse has to be taken to have some of the works executed by private presses and this is done at reasonable rates.

The working conditions of the workers in the Government Press can be considered to be quite satisfactory. The scales of pay admissible to the workers in the Government Press was revised in February 1947 but the workers were not satisfied and there was agitation, though the scales of pay were sanctioned after personal inspection of the Government Press by Hon'ble Sri K.L.Karanth, Chairman of the Salaries Committee and Mr. C.O.Coorey, the Secretary to the Committee. As the Government Press staff was not satisfied, the Superintendent, Government Press and the Vice President of the Government Press Workers' Union had discussion with Sri K.R.Karanth in March 1947 and again in April 1947 the officials of the Union and the Superintendent, Government Press had a joint discussion with the Hon'ble Minister for Education. As a result of the discussion and at the instance of the Hon'ble Minister for Education, the Superintendent, Government Press submitted revised proposals ("which were more or less agreed proposals") except for a few points of disagreements between the Superintendent, Government Press and the workers Union and some of the scales of pay of the workers were revised a second time.

Representation for a further enhancement of the scales of pay of the Government Press Mono & Lino Operators is separately under consideration.

Another representation for the reorganisation of the Accounts and Despatch etc. sections of the non-technical staff is also under consideration separately.

As regards the printing of text books in the Governmer Press, it is not known what point the Hon'ble Member wishes to

stress upon. If any useful suggestion is made the suggestion may be considered.

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8/3/48.

Demand No.XXX.

Sri Pillalamarri Venkateswarlu, M.L.A.

To reduce the allotment of Rs.10,13,100

For Stationery and Printing by Rs.100/-

(To discuss about pay of the establishment in the Government Press).

E. & P.H.Deptt.(F)

It is not clear from the above cut motion whether the discussion is about increase of pay for the establishments in the Government Press or otherwise. The notes on pp.1-9 ante give the information relating to the Government Press, how the scale of pay of establishments have been revised again.since the general revision early in 1947 and what other proposals relating to reorganisation and revision of pay are under consideration.

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The notes on budget demand and cut motions relating to '56 - Stationery and Printing' may now be

G.O.Ms.No.884 P.H. Dated 15th April 1948.

ORDER: RECORDED.

ABSTRACT.

GOVERNMENT PRESS - Notes on budget demand - Cut Motions - Relating to "56. Stationery and Printing" - Recorded.

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